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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY DISASTER AND
TERRORISM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1,
2 2012, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Emergency
3 Management and Homeland Security shall report to the General
4 Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on
5 planning and activities for children and youth as part of homeland
6 preparedness and emergency response planning for natural disasters,
7 man-made disasters and terrorism. The report shall include provisions
8 that address (1) the discrete health needs of children for purposes of
9 bioterrorism preparedness, (2) public education and communications
10 for families concerning public safety issues relating to disasters and
11 terrorism, (3) training in safety and security measures and multi-
12 hazard response plans for child care providers, school personnel and
13 personnel in before and after school programs, family homeless
14 shelters and summer camps, (4) coordination of school health and
15 mental health strategies, and (5) the plan developed pursuant to
16 subsection (b) of this section.

17 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland
 18 Security shall, within available appropriations and in consultation with
 19 the Commissioners of Social Services, Public Health, Children and
 20 Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Education, and
 21 the Commission on Children, develop a disaster response plan for
 22 protecting children during natural disasters, man-made disasters and
 23 terrorism. The plan may also be developed in consultation with
 24 parents, local emergency services and child care providers. The plan
 25 shall include, but not be limited to, a requirement that all schools and
 26 licensed child day care services, as defined in section 19a-77 of the
 27 general statutes, have written disaster response plans that address
 28 evacuation and removal of children to a safe location, notification of
 29 parents of a disaster, reunification of parents with their children and
 30 care for children with special needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to develop disaster response plans that address the needs of children.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]